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**GROUP 1615** 

PATENT APPLICATION

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Takafumi ATARASHI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/202,216

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For: MULTILAYER-COATED POWDER

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the outstanding final Office Action dated June 5, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

## **IN THE CLAIMS**:

## Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) A multilayer-coated powder comprising a base particle having a specific gravity of 0.1 to 10.5 surrounded by plural coating layers which are different from each other in refractive index.